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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

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1-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently amended) A punching apparatus, comprising:

a base for placing thereon an object to be punched;

a punching structure mounted over said base capable of digging into said object to create at least one hole;

a transmitting shaft coupled to said punching structure and capable of being rotated to actuate said punching structure to move between a punching position and a releasing position in response to first and second external forces, respectively;

a handle member attachable to and detachable from a first end and a second end of said transmitting shaft, and capable of transmitting said punching structure to move between said punching position and said releasing position in response to said first and said second external forces exerted thereon, respectively;

a first positioning pin capable of penetrating a hole on said handle member and a hole on said transmitting shaft in order to secure said handle member to a selected one of said first end and said second end of said transmitting shaft;

a stopper attachable to and detachable from said first end and said second end of said transmitting shaft capable of preventing said transmitting shaft from being dislocated, the stopper not having a handle, and

a second positioning pin capable of penetrating a hole on said stopper and a hole on said transmitting shaft in order to secure said stopper to a selected one of said first end and said second end of said transmitting shaft;

wherein said stopper and said handle member are capable of being exchangeably disposed at said first and said second ends of said transmitting shaft.

7-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously Presented) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said first and said second ends of said transmitting shaft are hexagonal posts, and said handle member and said stopper have respective hollow hexagonal ends for engaging with said first and said second hexagonal posts.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Previously Presented) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 further comprising a casing capable of sheltering said punching structure and said transmitting shaft.

14. (Original) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said object is a stack of paper sheets.

15. (Previously Presented) The punching apparatus according to claim 6 wherein said first and said second external forces are exerted to pivot said handle member in different directions.

16-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
means for receiving an object to be punched;
means for creating at least one hole;
means for actuating said means for creating at least one hole in order to move between a punching position and a releasing position in response to first and second external forces, respectively;
means for moving said means for creating at least one hole between said punching position and said releasing position in response to said first and said second external forces exerted thereon, wherein said means for moving is attachable to and detachable from a selected one of a first end and a second end of said means for actuating; and
means for preventing said means for actuating from being dislocated, wherein said means for preventing does not include a handle and wherein said means for moving and said means for preventing are capable of being exchangeably disposed at said first and said second ends of said means for actuating.

22. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:
means for securing said means for moving to a selected one of said first and said
second ends of said means for actuating; and
means for securing said means for preventing to a selected one of said first and said
second ends of said means for actuating.

23. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 21, further comprising:
means for sheltering said means for creating at least one hole and said means for
actuating.

24. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 21, wherein said means for
creating at least one hole ~~comprises~~ comprise a punching structure mounted over said means
for receiving the object to be punched.

25. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 24, wherein said means for
actuating ~~comprises~~ comprise a shaft coupled to the punching structure.

26. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said means for
moving ~~comprises~~ comprise a handle member attachable to and detachable from the selected
one of the first end and the second end of the shaft.

27. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 25, wherein said means for
preventing ~~comprises~~ comprise a stopper attachable to and detachable from the selected one
of the first end and the second end of the shaft.

28. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 22, wherein:
said means for creating at least one hole ~~comprises~~ comprise a punching structure
mounted over said means for receiving the object to be punched,
said means for actuating ~~comprises~~ comprise a shaft coupled to the punching
structure,
said means for moving ~~comprises~~ comprise a handle member attachable to and
detachable from the selected one of the first end and the second end of the shaft, and
said means for securing said means for moving ~~comprises~~ comprise a first positioning
pin capable of penetrating a hole on the handle member and a hole on the shaft.

29. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 28, wherein:
said means for preventing ~~comprises~~ comprise a stopper attachable to a detachable
from the selected one of the first end and the second end of the shaft, and
said means for securing said means for preventing ~~comprises~~ comprise a second
positioning pin capable of penetrating a hole on the handle member and a hole on the stopper.

30. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 23, wherein:
said means for creating at least one hole ~~comprises~~ comprise a punching structure
mounted over said means for receiving the object to be punched,
said means for actuating ~~comprises~~ comprise a shaft coupled to the punching
structure, and
said means for sheltering ~~comprises~~ comprise a casing disposed over the punching
structure and the shaft.